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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the six (6) references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are enclosed. References AA-AF were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/IB01/00942, a copy of which is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being made before an initial Office Action on the merits. Should a fee be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES *Abstract only	NO
	AB *	GB 2,003,741	03/1979	Great Britain			X	
	AC *	GB 621,797	04/1949	Great Britain			X	
	AD *	GB 585,583	02/1947	Great Britain			X	
	AE *	EP 0 201 629 A2	11/1986	EPO			X*	
	AF *	EP 0 172 965 A1	03/1986	EPO			X	

OTHER REFERENCES <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>		

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